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[in the range of] from about .01% by weight to about 5.0% by weight at least one xanthan gum having a particle size less than 100 microns and an effective amount of a corrosion inhibiting system [comprised of] comprising ferric pyrophosphate.

Remarks:

There has been a change in the attorney prosecuting the subject application and, except as noted below, the amendments above have been requested merely to accommodate the stylistic preferences of the attorney now prosecuting the application.

Claim 79 has been indicated as being in allowable condition.

Double Patenting Rejection

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested of the provisional non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 13-14, 16-18, 22, 41, 42, 44, 46, 47, 53-55, 57-58 and 62 (claims 15 and 56 having been canceled). According to the Office Action, the claims of the subject application are not patentably distinct from those of co-pending application serial number 09/978,401 "because the composition of the present invention encompasses that of 09/978,401. However, the composition of the present invention does not in fact encompass that of 09/978,401. The present claims call for the composition to contain at least one corrosion inhibitor as identified in the claims. No corrosion inhibitor, let alone one of the types identified in the subject claims, is called for in the claims of 09/978,401. Therefore,